

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] State of the Art: Controlled release dosage forms created using a coated, expandable osmotic layer are known in the art. For example, United States Patent 5,413,572 (“the ‘572 Patent”), United States Patent 5,324,280 (“the ‘280 Patent”) and U.S. Application Serial Number 09/866,036 (“the ‘036 Application”), now United States Patent 6,419,952, all teach controlled release dosage forms created by coating hard or soft gelatin capsules with an expandable osmotic layer. In general, the controlled release liquid capsules taught in these publications include a capsule that is pre-filled with a liquid active agent formulation, an expandable osmotic layer formed around the pre-filled capsule, a semipermeable layer formed around the expandable osmotic layer, and an exit orifice through which the liquid active agent formulation included in the capsule is delivered as the dosage form operates. As taught in the ‘036 Application, a barrier layer may be positioned between the capsule and the expandable osmotic layer in order to achieve more consistent and better controlled delivery of the liquid active agent formulation.